



Foundation News

Kettering Education Foundation Newsletter

KETTERING MAYOR'S CHARITY BALL

A STATEMENT NIGHT FOR THE KETTERING EDUCATION FOUNDATION

In 2008, when Matt Wahrhaftig, Executive Director of the Kettering Education Foundation, received word from the Kettering Mayor's Charity Ball Committee that the KEF had been chosen as the 2009 Charity Recipient, he never could have imagined how big or important that April night would prove to be.

"Obviously, being a Kettering Rotarian myself, I knew of the Mayor's Charity Ball, had attended the event and was aware of the wonderful things it had done for other local non-profits," stated Wahrhaftig. "But I could never have imagined how strongly the event and our organization would be embraced by the Kettering community. We are speechless with gratitude."

This year, the Kettering Mayor's Charity Ball broke all attendance, sponsorship and donation records. The event, now in its third year, historically has had an attendance of approximately 140 individuals, and had donated just under \$20,000 total to the charity recipients in its first two years. This year, the event was attended by 202 individuals who had a wonderful time at Reynolds & Reynolds, enjoying fantastic food, music and dancing. The entire night was magical and the fact that the KEF was selected solidifies the Foundation's reputation as a viable and necessary charity in the Kettering community. The event was such a suc-

cess that the KEF will receive a check from the Kettering Rotary Club for \$22,762, roughly equal to the total amount donated over its first two years.

The good news didn't stop there. In a surprise ceremony, the Reynolds & Reynolds Foundation provided the KEF with a \$5,000 donation to be used for the KEF's programs. Furthermore, the Kettering Jaycees Foundation made a presentation that awarded the KEF with a \$50,000 check. The \$50,000 will be endowed, and the funds will go to support a scholarship that will benefit students graduating from the Fairmont Automotive Tech Prep Program. (See Jaycees article on page 2)

Overall, it was a \$75,000 night for the Kettering Education Foundation. "For a small growing foundation like the KEF, nights like this don't come along very often," said Wahrhaftig. "Through this event the Kettering community really made a statement that the KEF is an important charity, there is just not enough words to express our gratitude to the Kettering Rotary Club, Mayor Don Patterson and the entire committee for their generosity. We are still excited and the funds will have a great impact on the grants we will be able to award to the Kettering teachers in 2010."



Left: Matt Wahrhaftig, Mayor Patterson, Maureen Patterson, & Willie Daughter



Right: Party go-ers enjoy their meal

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OUR MISSION

To create opportunities for interested citizens, organizations and businesses to enhance the educational opportunities in the Kettering City School District.

KETTERING JAYCEES FOUNDATION DONATES \$50,000 TO THE KETTERING EDUCATION FOUNDATION

Kettering OH, - On April 25, 2009 at the Kettering Mayor's Charity Ball, the Kettering Jaycees Foundation presented the Kettering Education Foundation with a check for \$50,000. The monies will fund the newly formed Kettering Jaycee's Foundation Automotive Fund.

In 2008, the Kettering Jaycee's Foundation made the decision to disband after 13 years of service to the community. The Jaycee's have long been known for their tremendous support to the Kettering community in the way of scholarships and specific community projects, as well as their signature event, the "Friday Night Cruise-In." The "Friday Night Cruise-In" originally started at Parkmoor on Woodman Drive and then eventually moved to the Kettering Towne Center. Over the 14-year life of the Kettering Jaycee's Foundation, the organization was able to donate thousands of dollars to various organizations. The Foundation members were all former Kettering Jaycees members who were friends and all shared a love of cars. Therefore, when they decided to disband the Kettering Jaycees Foundation it was an easy decision to have the money go toward a automotive program of some form.

"It is a bitter-sweet day for the Kettering Jaycee's Foundation," said John Tschirhart, Kettering Jaycee's Foundation President. "The Cruise-Ins and concession stand at the Holiday @ Home event were a lot of fun, but ultimately it was just proving to be too much work, but we are very happy that all the money we raised from selling hamburgers and Pepsi was enough to fund a scholarship account that will always remind people of our organization."

The \$50,000 will be endowed with the Kettering Education Foundation, and will provide scholarships for students graduating from Fairmont High School's automotive Tech

prep program. The scholarships will enable these students to further their education at a college of their choice.

"We are very pleased that the Kettering Jaycees Foundation chose to establish this scholarship with the Kettering Education Foundation," said Matt Wahrhaftig, executive director of the KEF, "a scholarship like this one can have a tremendous impact on the life of the student that receives it. This scholarship truly embodies everything that the Kettering Jaycee's Foundation loved-cars, their community and philanthropic giving."



KEF WELCOMES NEW BOARD MEMBERS

The Kettering Education Foundation welcomes two more board members to its Board of Directors. The Foundation was pleased to add Steve Hopf and Lori Simms in the fall of 2008, and is now just as excited to bring Jim Probasco and Sarah Howdeshelt onto its board.

Jim Probasco retired from the Kettering City School District in 2007, after serving as a music teacher and

finishing his career as the district's Music Coordinator.

If Sarah's last name sounds familiar it is because she is the daughter of Debbie Howdeshelt, long-time board member and former board president. Sarah is currently working for DP&L and will fill the Treasurer spot that was open after Beth Jacobs resigned.

As always, the Kettering Education Foundation welcomes

both of our new members and looks forward to the enthusiasm and synergy that they will bring to the Foundation.



Jim Probasco
Retired



Sarah Howdeshelt
DP&L